

March 28, 2013

To: Nonprofit Organizations

**Trade Associations** 

State Agency Contract Managers

From: Terry Edelstein, Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Re: Emergency Disaster Relief Information (Storm Sandy) – Public Assistance Briefing Schedule

Plus Other Updates

I am pleased to forward this Public Assistance Briefing Schedule that offers opportunities for certain nonprofit organizations to seek disaster relief. *You'll notice that briefings begin April 1*. Please see the information below.

I also wanted to share with you information about a number of projects underway through the auspices of my office:

- Work Group on deemed status and single licensing: legislatively commissioned work group including state healthcare licensing agencies and nonprofit representatives, currently focusing on use of electronic document posting to simplify licensing process
- Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services: Cabinet established by Governor Malloy to focus on issues relating to nonprofit organizations

Meetings are open to the public – see website for information and updates: http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2998&Q=490946

- o Work Group on Jobs
- Work Group on Population Results
- o Work Group on Contract Procurement and Administration with subcommittees on bonding, cost standards and contract procurement
- Bonding for nonprofit health and human services providers: implementation of major bond allocation and modification of current bonding policies and procedures
  - o Governor's budget proposal to add \$20M in each FY14 and FY15 for nonprofit bonding http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?A=4010&Q=517968
  - Nonprofit Incentive Grant restructuring
  - Other nonprofit bonding and bond processes
- Governor's Sandy Hook Advisory Commission:

I have been appointed by Governor Malloy to serve as one of sixteen members of this Commission that is focusing on school safety, guns and mental health. The Commission has begun a series of presentations relating to mental health.

http://www.governor.ct.gov/malloy/cwp/view.asp?a=3997&q=516496

Feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of assistance to you.

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#### **DISASTER RELIEF INFORMATION**

Dear Madam/Sir,

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On 21 March 2013 President Obama Declared Disaster DR-4106-CT for all of Connecticut's Counties as a result of the Severe Winter Storm that impacted the State 8-11 February 2013.

The President's action makes federal funding available to state, tribal and local governments as well as special districts and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by this event through the FEMA Public Assistance Program. Included in that declaration are Snow Removal Costs for a continuous 48 hour period in every County except Hartford and New Haven which are eligible for a continuous 72 hours of snow removal costs.

We will again be conducting Applicant Briefings to provide background information and guidance in applying for funding through the Public Assistance Program to potential applicants.

Attached (below) you will find the Applicant Briefing schedule. Please plan to attend the briefing nearest you to receive this important information, and to file for assistance from the Public Assistance Program

Thank-you.

Sincerely,
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**Public Assistance Applicant Briefing Schedule** 

April 1, 2013
Fairfield County

10:00 am Westport Town Hall 110 Myrtle Ave., Westport 06880

#### Litchfield County

2:00 pm Bantam Fire company 92 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT 06750

#### April 2, 2013

#### **New Haven County**

10:00 am New Haven Fire Academy 230 Ella Grasso Blvd. New Haven 06519

#### **Middlesex County**

2:00 pm Old Saybrook Town Hall 302 Main Street. Old Saybrook 06475

#### April 3, 2013

#### **New London County**

10:00 a.m. Waterford Town Hall Auditorium 15 Rope Ferry Road Waterford, CT 06385

#### Windham County

2:00 p.m. Northeast Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) 125 Putnam Pike (Route 12) Dayville, CT 06241

#### April 4, 2013

#### **Hartford County**

10:00 a.m. Rocky Hill Veterans Home 287 West Street, Rocky Hill 06067 **Tolland County** 2:00 p.m. Tolland Fire Training Office 141 Merrow Road, Tolland 06084

#### April 5, 2013

#### State Agencies

10:00 am State EOC Broad Street, Hartford 06105

### **DISASTER NEWS**

## Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes

SBA Disaster Assistance - Field Operations Center- East - 101 Marietta Street, NW, Suite 700, Atlanta, GA 30303

Release Date: March 27, 2013 Contact: Michael Lampton

Release Number: 13-417, CT 13521/13522 Email: Michael.Lampton@sba.gov

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# SBA Disaster Assistance Available to Private Nonprofit Organizations in Connecticut

ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that certain Private Non-Profit Organizations in **Connecticut** that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature may be eligible to apply for low interest rate disaster loans. These loans are available as a result of a Presidential disaster declaration for Public Assistance resulting from damages caused by severe winter storm and snowstorm on Feb. 8-11, 2013.

PNPs located in Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, Tolland, Windham and the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Tribal Nations located within London County in Connecticut, that provide non-critical services are eligible to apply. Examples of eligible non-critical PNP organizations include, but are not limited to food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges.

"PNP organizations are urged to contact the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to obtain information about applicant briefings. At the meeting, PNP representatives will need to provide information about their organization," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA Field Operations Center East in Atlanta. The information will be used to submit a Request for Public Assistance, which FEMA uses to determine if the PNP provides an essential governmental service and meets the definition of a "critical facility." Based upon that conclusion, FEMA may provide the PNP with a Public Assistance reimbursement grant for their eligible costs or refer the PNP to SBA for disaster loan assistance.

PNP organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The interest rate is 2.875 percent with terms up to 30 years. The SBA may increase a loan up to 20 percent of the total amount of disaster damage to real estate and/or leasehold improvements, as verified by SBA, to make improvements that lessen the risk of property damage by future disasters of the same kind.

The SBA also offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs, such as ongoing operating expenses to PNP organizations of all sizes. Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the organization suffered any physical property damage. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA's secure website at <a href="https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela">https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela</a>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an e-mail to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from the SBA's website at www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **May 20, 2013.** The deadline to return economic injury applications is **December 23, 2013.** ###

For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at www.sba.gov